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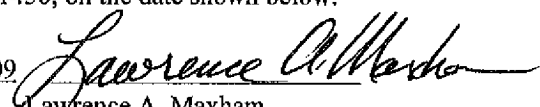
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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

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Basis for Submission

Applicant's Amendment submitted in response to the Office Communication of 10 August 2009 was filed on 4 November 2009. Subsequently, an interview to discuss this matter was conducted at Applicant's request with Examiner Woodall on 2 December 2009.

The following matters were discussed in the interview:

- 1) Applicant's amendment to claim 37 to remove the limitation for which Examiner found insufficient support in the specification. It appears that the current amendment will remove this ground for rejection.
- 2) With respect to the rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. 103, Applicant reviewed his argument for why the specific structure of the sharp cutting edge (item 14 in Fig. 4 of the current application) of Applicant's invention would not be rendered obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art by the disclosures in the Lemos reference cited by the Examiner. Applicant's previously filed argument begins on the bottom of page 8 and continues through page 10 of

that response. The Examiner acknowledged, on a preliminary basis, the distinction between the word "edge" as defined in the Lemos reference, and the word "edge" as used by Applicant. The reference to the possibility of adding "cutting edges" cited in the Branemark patent was also discussed.

- 3) The Examiner suggested that Applicant may wish to submit a supplemental amendment in view of this interview. He also noted that he would inform the Supervising Patent Examiner of the elements discussed in this interview.

In view of the above, this Supplemental Amendment is being submitted for further consideration, under the provisions of MPEP 714.03(a)(2)(B) and 714.03(a)(2)(C).

The **Claims** commence on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 7.